Waukesha county

VETERAN'S SERVICES A DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson

Mr. Eric Holmes,

Mr. William Luebke

Mr. Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES MEETING: November 8, 2012

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. The minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed. There were no omissions or corrections to the minutes.

CASE # ATH, (51960)

This is a 22 year old Army veteran with 11 months of service, discharged in 2010. He was never deployed. He was diagnosed with mental health issues and given an honorable discharge. Because he has less than two years of service, he is not eligible for VA health care.

The veteran came into the Waukesha County Veterans Service Office in July of 2012. He was looking for any assistance he could get with filing a service connected claim for the mental condition he was diagnosed with when he was in the service. The veteran had filed a claim directly upon discharge but didn't understand the filing process and didn't do the follow through needed. The Waukesha County Veterans Service Office re-filed a Service Connected Claim for his disability, claiming hardship because of his need for medications.

At this time he is not eligible for medical care through the VA Hospital. Mr. Ludka helped him get the medical care he needs through the Waukesha County Mental Health Center.

The veteran was working part time but lost his job. The Waukesha County Veterans Service Office gave the veteran food cards, a gas card, and Goodwill vouchers for winter clothing.

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The Waukesha County Veterans Service Office is asking that the Commission approve a total of \$1,080 for rent, November and December:

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F&L PROPERTIES, LLC (NOV) - $555.00 - (Account #150-364120-6553-J085-3803)
F&L PROPERTIES, LLC (DEC) - $525.00 - (Account #150-364120-6553-J085-3803)
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Mr. Kebisek asked what would happen if the veteran was denied service-connected for his condition. Mr. Ludka explained the filing process and explained that with the medical evidence, it was not likely the veteran would be denied service-connection. This would enable the veteran to receive his medical care through the VA Hospital, education benefits, and a monthly stipend. The veteran is currently working with Work Force Development Center in trying to obtain another job.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kebisek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Ludka advised the Commission that the gift cards received from various posts were being used and appreciated by our Waukesha County Veterans.

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas a. Juella

Thomas A. Ludka

Secretary

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